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SUBJECT: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS: JOFFREY BALLET

REF: A) TAYLOR/CARSTONES TELECON 10/23 B) MOSCOW 16027;

C) MOSCOW 16195 ; C) TAYLOR/CARSTONES TELECON 10/25

1. CRAWFORD HAS AGREED HAVE GOSK MOVE COMPANY AND PROPERTIES VILNIUS-MOSCOW ON DECEMBER 8, FREE DAY ON DECEMBER 9 AND PREMIERE MOSCOW DECEMBER 10. HOWEVER, IN ORDER OPEN IN MOSCOW DECEMBER 10 PROPERTIES MUST RPT MUST MOVE FROM VILNIUS 4:00 AM ON DECEMBER 8.

2. CRAWFORD, HOWEVER, MUST HONOR AGMA REQUIREMENTS RE TRAVEL AND FREE DAYS ON REST OF ITINERARY, WHICH ALSO AGREED UPON BY GOSK DURING HIS JULY VISIT. AS INDICATED DURING OCTOBER 25 TELECON MON IS DARK, TUESDAY IS FREE DAY.

3. SCHEDULE AS IT NOW STANDS IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. ETA LENINGRAD COMPANY AND PROPERTIES NOVEMBER 17; SET  
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UP AND REHEARSAL NOVEMBER 18, 19 WITH SEVEN PERFORMANCE

SCHEDULE LENINGRAD AS OUTLINED BY GOSK THROUGH NOVEMBER 24 (EVENING 11/20, 21, 22, MATINEE AND EVENING NOVEMBER 23,24).  
B. TRAVEL RIGA NOVEMBER 25 RPT 25; FREE DAY NOVEMBER 26 WITH SEVEN PERFORMANCES THROUGH DECEMBER 1 AS OUTLINED BY

GOSK (EVENING 11/27/28/29, MATINEE AND EVENING NOV. 30, DECEMBER 1. )  
C. TRAVEL VILNIUS DECEMBER 2 RPT 2 WITH FREE DAY DECEMBER 3. COMPANY TRAVEL AND FREE DAYS OCCUR ONLY ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY. FURTHER CRAWFORD CANNOT RPT NOT PRESENT ONLY TWO PROGRAMS FOR FOUR PERFORMANCES. SUCH ARRANGEMENT WOULD REQUIRE LIMITED NUMBER DANCERS TO PERFORM DAILY AT RISK OF HEALTH AND POSSIBLE INJURY. BASIS THESE TWO REASONS CRAWFORD SEEKS PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE; EVENING 12/4,5,6, MATINEE AND EVENING 12/7.

D. ON ARRIVAL LENINGRAD CRAWFORD PREPARED TRAVEL VILNIUS INSPECT NEW THEATER AND RETURN LENINGRAD SAME DAY. CRAWFORD ADVISES COMPANY HAS NO PROBLEM WITH WINGS.-- IF ON-THE-SPOT INSPECTION OF THEATER MEETS COMPANY REQUIREMENTS, PARTICULARLY LIGHTING, CRAWFORD MAY RPT MAY OR MAY NOT BE PERSUADED MOVE ELECTRICS DIRECT FROM RIGA TO MOSCOW.

E. TRAVEL MOSCOW 12/8 (PROPERTY AND FREIGHT) FREE DAY DECEMBER 9, PREMIERE 12/10 WITH EVENING PERFORMANCE ON 12/11, 12/13 AND MATINEE AND EVENING ON DECEMBER 12 AND 13. TOTAL: 26 PERFORMANCES; SEVEN LENINGRAD, SEVEN RIGA, FIVE VILNIUS, SEVEN MOSCOW.

4. MATINEE STARTING TIME 2:00 PM OKAY.

5. FYI: GOLOVKINA INFORMED CRAWFORD THAT STAGE OF VILNIUS THEATER CAN BE RAKED ON FLAT AND CRAWFORD OPTING FOR FLAT STAGE. RE THEATER'S STAGE DIMENSIONS, APPRECIATE EMB FURNISH ASAP WIDTH AND HEIGHT OF STAGE OPENING.

6. RE ADVANCE ARRIVAL OF CONDUCTOR AND ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR. VIEW POSSIBILITY THAT TOTAL NUMBER OF 79 MAY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BE REDUCED BY TWO OR MORE; APPRECIATE EMB SEEK OBTAIN AGREEMENT FROM GOSK FOR ARRIVAL OF BOTH ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE OF GROUP (STRIVING FOR NOVEMBER 12 DEPARTURE). GOSK TO ABSORB PER DIEM FOR BOTH; ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THAT WEEK TWO SINGLES. CONDUCTORS WILL CARRY MUSIC AS EXCESS BAGGAGE, NO REPRODUCTION OF MUSIC IS NECESSARY.

7. ADVISE PRIORITY WHETHER COMPANY ABLE PURCHASE

RELATIVELY SMALL WASHING MACHINE ON ARRIVAL LENINGRAD,  
I.E. BRITISH HOOVER MAKE WHICH ADAPTED TO SOV ELECTRIC  
SYSTEM. CRAWFORD'S AND WARDROBE MISTRESS CONCERN  
STEM FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH NYC BALLET AND AILEY COMPANY  
BOTH OF WHICH HAD GREAT DIFFICULTY RE PREPARATION OF  
COSTUMES WHILE ON TOUR IN SOVIET UNION.

8. OTHER POINT OF CONCERN IS MATTER OF MEALS FOR STAGE  
CREW. SINCE CREW WILL BE EATING AT STAGGERED SHIFTS  
BECAUSE OF SET-UP AND PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS COMPANY  
NEEDS TO KNOW WHETHER GOSK WILL ARRANGE MEALS FOR CREW  
MEMBERS AT EARLIER THAN COMPANY.

9. LISTING OF DANCERS FOR SOV POSTERS TO BE FURNISHED  
EARLY NEXT WEEK. INGERSOLL

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